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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Katsuhiko TACHIBANA, Masahiko ANDO, Yasuyuki
TOKUNAGA, Manabu MATSUNAGA, and Atsushi KURIU
WATERSTOP SEALING MATERIAL
Assignee: NITTO DENKO CORPORATION
Attorney Docket No.: Q57866

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/500,446 filed on February 09, 2000 of Katsuhiko TACHIBANA, Masahiko ANDO, Yasuyuki TOKUNAGA, Manabu MATSUNAGA, and Atsushi KURIU entitled WATERSTOP SEALING MATERIAL.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1711.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on May 28, 2002 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application. Applicants request examination of the claims in view of the amendments and distinguishing remarks present therein.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	13 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/500,446. The application is timely filed during the pendency of prior Application No. 09/500,446.

Respectfully submitted,

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